(c) whether Government are considering to employ modern technology with a view to minimise the adverse impact of the Project on the surrounding environment; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Jana Jagrithi Samiti of Nandikur has filed a writ petition in the High Court of Karnataka regarding environmental clearance by Ministry of Environment & Forest to M/s Mangalore Power Company for setting up a 1000 MW coal based thermal power project at Mangalore.

(c) The project is scheduled for commissioning within 42 months from the date of financial closure.

(d) Government of India is closely monitoring the progress of the project to ensure timely finalisation of the proposal.

(e) and (f) The project proponent are providing the state of the art technology such as installation of flue gas desulphurisation (FGD) plant for control of sulphur dioxide, desalination plant for avoiding use of fresh water, lining of ash pond, high efficiency electrostatic precipitator (ESP) etc. These technologies are for minimising the adverse environmental impacts of the project.

Implementation of Modified Area Development Approach

655. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient featurs thereof;

(c) whether MADA has been extended to Maharashtra also;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what results have been achieved so far under the MADA in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) is being implemented in the country since the Sixth Five Year Plan. The Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) was adopted to cover smaller area of tribal concentration having 10,000 population and of which 50% or more were tribals.

(c) and (d) 37 MADA Pockets have been identified in Maharashtra.

(e) The required information is being collected from the State Government of Maharashtra by Ministry of Welfare who are concerned with this Programme.

उत्तर प्रदेश में बिजली के फर्जी बिल

656. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के विद्युत विभाग द्वारा उपभोक्ताओं को फर्जी बिल दिए जाते हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में अनेक शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई ठोस कदम उठाए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारंपरिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डॉ० एस वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड के अनुसार उपभोक्ताओं को कोई फर्जी बिल जारी नहीं किए गए हैं।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।